

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.- 18. Cancelled

19. (currently amended) A homogenous assay method for directly detecting a donor-product produced in a group transfer reaction in the presence of a donor molecule, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) reacting a donor molecule, ~~comprising a nucleotide attached to a covalent adduct, X~~ which is adenosine triphosphate (ATP), with an acceptor in the presence of a catalytically active enzyme to form the donor-product, ~~an ADP, which is adenosine diphosphate (ADP)~~ and an acceptor-~~X phosphate~~, such that the ~~donor molecule~~ ATP is partially consumed;
- b) combining the ~~donor-product~~ ADP produced in a group transfer reaction with a tracer and ~~a macromolecule~~ an antibody to provide a reaction mixture, the ~~macromolecule~~ antibody being specific for the ~~donor-product~~ ADP, the tracer comprising the ~~donor-product~~ ADP conjugated to a fluorophore, and capable of binding to the ~~macromolecule~~ antibody to produce a detectable change in fluorescence polarization; ~~wherein the macromolecule is an antibody~~;
- c) measuring the fluorescence polarization of the mixture to obtain a measured fluorescence polarization; and
- d) comparing the measured fluorescence polarization with a characterized fluorescence polarization value corresponding to a known ~~donor-product~~ ADP concentration to directly detect the ~~donor-product~~ ADP produced in the group transfer reaction.

20.- 27. Cancelled

28. (currently amended) A homogenous assay method for directly detecting a donor-product produced in a group transfer reaction, the method comprising:

- a) reacting a donor molecule, which is an adenosine triphosphate (ATP), with ~~an acceptor~~, a polypeptide, in the presence of ~~a catalytically active enzyme~~, a kinase;
- b) forming the donor-product, which is an adenosine diphosphate (ADP) and ~~an acceptor X~~, a phosphorylated polypeptide;
- c) contacting the ADP with a first complex comprising an antibody, that specifically recognizes the ADP and ~~a detectable tag~~, a tracer, capable of producing an observable;
- d) competitively displacing the ~~detectable tag~~ tracer of the first complex by the ~~donor-product~~, ADP, to generate a second complex, ADP-antibody complex and a displaced ~~detectable tag~~, a tracer, to directly detect the donor-product in the kinase reaction; and
- e) detecting a change in the observable produced by the tracer in the first complex bound to the antibody and the tracer.

29. (currently amended) A homogenous assay method for directly detecting a donor-product produced in a group transfer reaction, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) ~~combining the donor product, an adenosine diphosphate (ADP), produced in the group transfer reaction, a kinase reaction, with a tracer and an antibody to provide a reaction mixture, the antibody being specific for the ADP, the tracer comprising the ADP conjugated to a fluorophore and capable of binding to the antibody to produce a detectable change in fluorescence polarization~~
providing a reaction mixture having products of the group transfer reaction, a tracer and an antibody, wherein the reaction is a kinase reaction, wherein the products of the reaction include the donor-product which is an adenosine diphosphate (ADP), in the presence of a donor molecule which is an adenosine triphosphate (ATP), wherein the antibody is specific for the ADP, and wherein the tracer comprises the ADP conjugated to a fluorophore and is capable of binding to the antibody to produce a detectable change in fluorescence polarization;

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- b) measuring the fluorescence polarization of the reaction mixture to obtain a measured fluorescence polarization; and
- c) comparing the measured fluorescence polarization with a characterized fluorescence polarization value corresponding to a known ADP concentration to directly detect the ADP produced in the kinase reaction.

30.-33. Cancelled.